

<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		<b>ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER</b> SHZ-024US
		<b>U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)</b> 10/534593
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP03/14434	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 13 November 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 13 November 2002
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b> <b>GENES FOR INCREASING GRAIN YIELD AND USES THEREOF (As Amended)</b>		
<b>APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US</b> <b>Motoyuki ASHIKARI et al.</b>		
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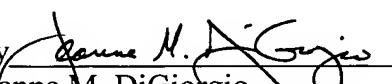
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371, mailed September 28, 2005, Applicant(s) respectfully submit(s) a Declaration, Petition and Power of Attorney, as well as a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements.

Dated: October 31, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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- Copy of the International Application filed on 05/11/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 05/11/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 05/11/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 08/12/2005
- Biochemical Sequence Diskette filed on 05/11/2005
- Biochemical Sequence Listing filed on 05/11/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 05/11/2005
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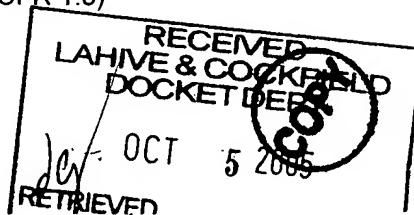
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

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